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SINCE I WAS A CHILD, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE WEIRD THINGS

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MAYBE MY HEART IS BAD

PERHAPS MY EYES ARE FUNNY

BY WATCHING THEM, I CAME TO UNDERSTAND CERTAIN UNIVERSAL LAWS

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The H.A.V.T for EVERYBODY

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EVER-CHANGING SHAPES THAT SEEM HUMAN

I HATED BEING ABLE TO SEE THEM

TN: Exactly 6 months after 9-11. Coincidence? Artistic choice?

MARCH 11. AT THAT MOMENT, THE GROUND SHOOK.

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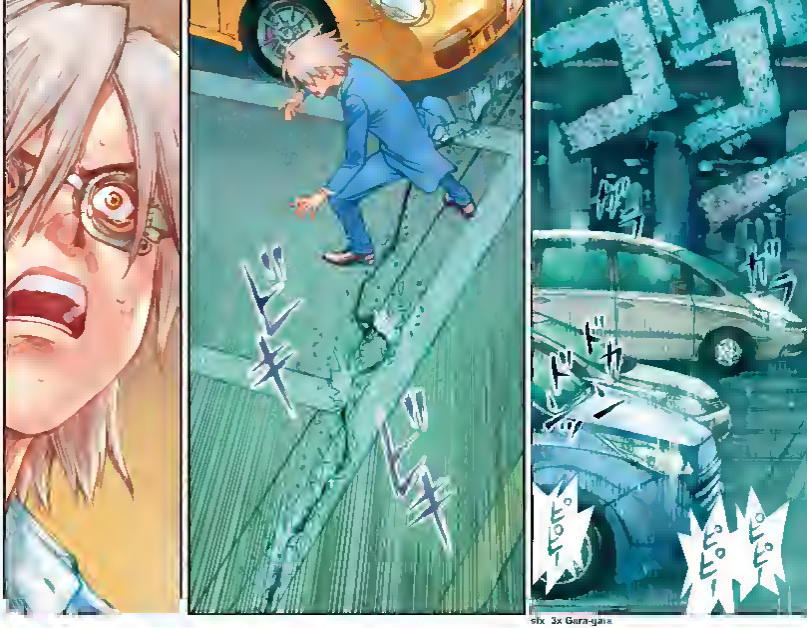
ON THAT DAY



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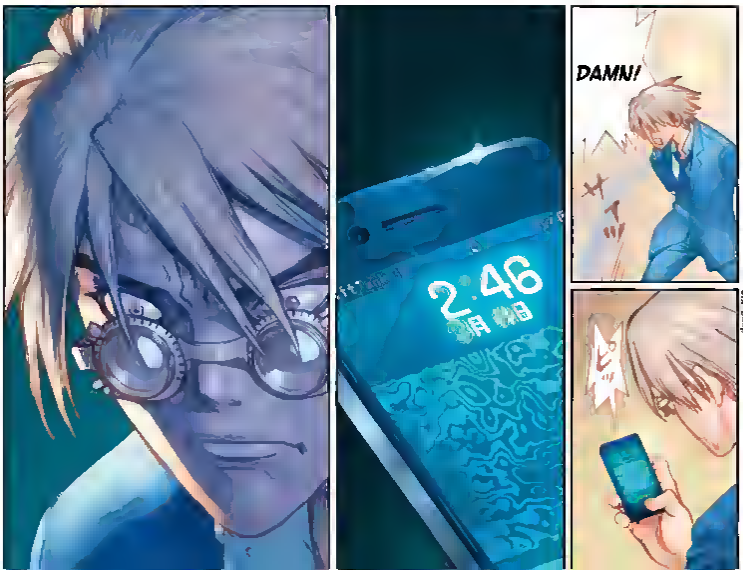

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I MADE IT PAST THE COMPANY PARKING LOT. AND THERE,
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WITNESSED A FASCINATING SPECTACLE UNFOLDING
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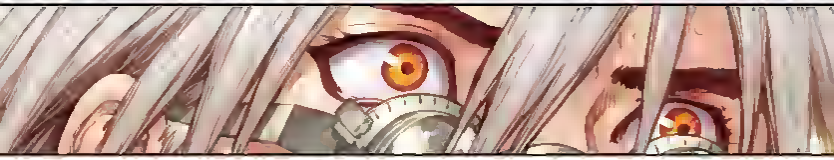

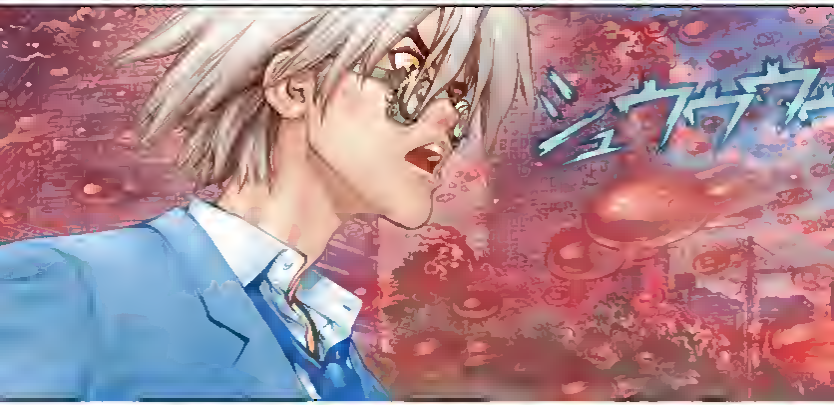

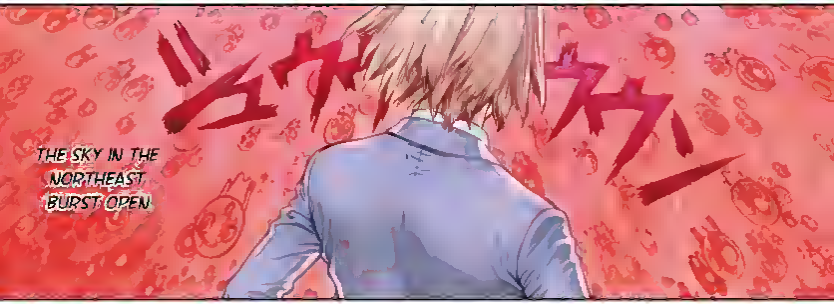

THE HUNT FOR JAPAN'S "NEXT-GEN ENERGY"!! A NEW SERIALIZATION!!

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The HUNT for ENERGY

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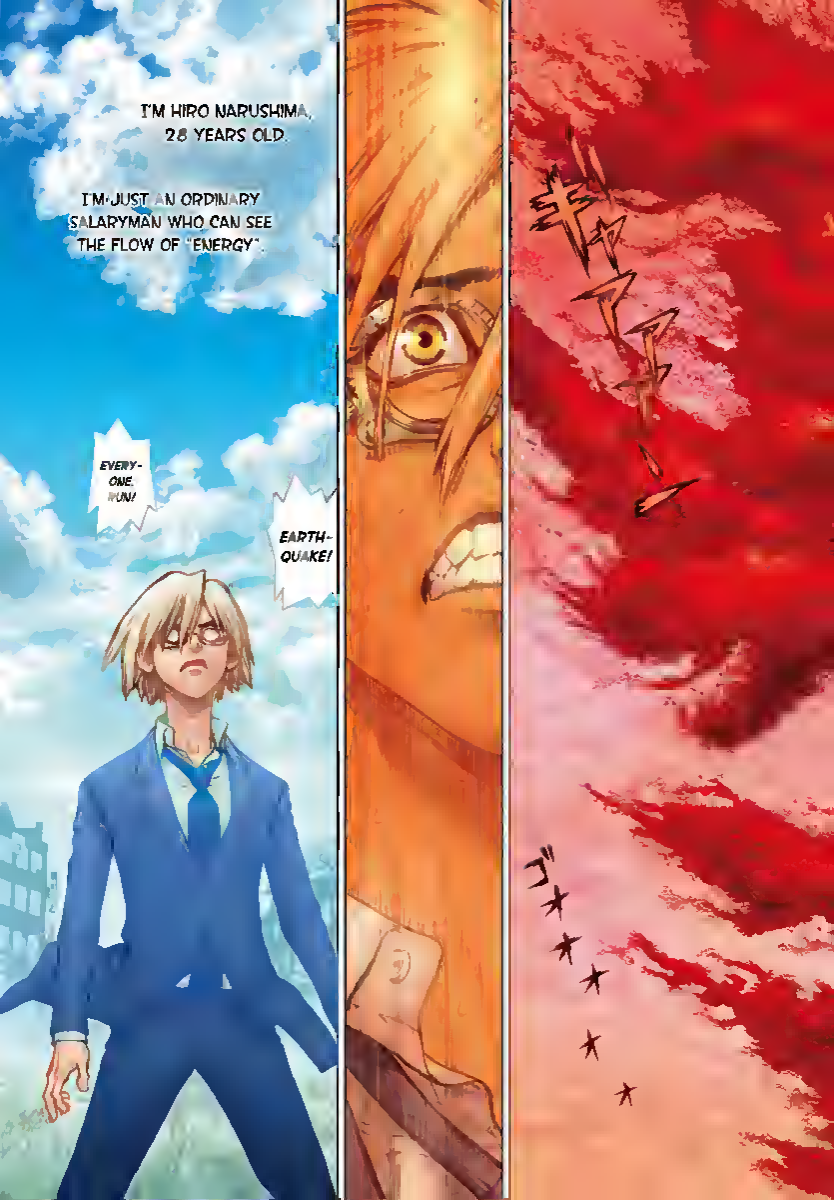
IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF THE END? HUMANITY STANDS AT A CROSSROAD...


I'M HIRO NARUSHIMA, 28 YEARS OLD.
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY SALARYMAN WHO CAN SEE THE FLOW OF "ENERGY".
EVERY-ONE, RUN!
EARTH-QUAKE!
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A few months later – Tokyo

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HMM...
Ordinary employee,
Nobuki Sakuragi,
23 years old

I'VE SPENT A YEAR STUDYING ALL THE GIRLS ON STAFF, AND THIS ONE'S THE HOTTEST.
LOOKS AWESOME
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AAA...
WHAT LOVELY WEATHER
HMPH!
I HEARD ABOUT THAT
SAKURAGI HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE "IDIOT DESK"

T/N: In some Japanese companies for one reason or another, instead of firing a worthless employee they're stationed at a special desk with nothing to do all day

EVEN IF THEY'RE THE ONLY THINGS THAT WORK
MY EARS ARE JUST FINE!
WAAAA!!
THAT GUY'S UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING
HE GRADUATED FROM A THIRD-RATE COLLEGE AND HIS GRADES SUCKED
AND HIS HEAD LOOKS LIKE BROCCOLI!
HAHAHA-HAHAHA!
WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE LET YOU DO?
UNTIL NOW YOU HAVEN'T MANAGED TO DO A SINGLE THING WE'VE ENTRUSTED TO YOU
CHIEF! PLEASE GIVE ME WORK!
WHY? I'VE ALREADY ASSIGNED YOU ISOLATION
GRRR
GIMME A CHANCE!

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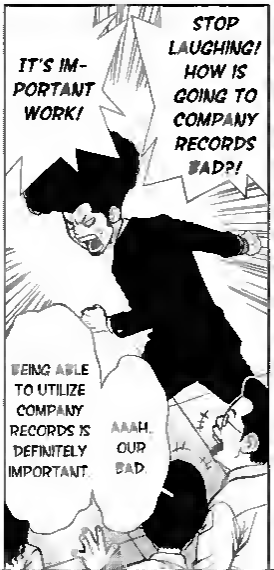
DAMMIT!
HEY, YOU! YOU'RE AN IDIOT. COMMUTING TO WORK IN A SPORTS CAR!
COMMUTING BY CAR IS A NO-NO
SAME TO YOU. YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING WITH THAT STUPID BROCCOLI HEAD OF YOURS
WUZZAT? DOES THIS CAR GO PRETTY FAST?
IT RUNS REALLY FAST.
THIS RED LUMP OF IRON
STOOOPID
IT'S NOT RED. IT'S YELLOW

SAKURAGI
YOU'RE BEING TRANSFERRED
PLEASE HEAD TO THE COMPANY RECORDS


STOP LAUGHING! HOW IS GOING TO COMPANY RECORDS BAD?!
IT'S IMPORTANT WORK!
AAAH, OUR BAD.
BEING ABLE TO UTILIZE COMPANY RECORDS IS DEFINITELY IMPORTANT.

URK...

IT'S JUST THAT... OUR COMPANY HASN'T ORGANIZED ITS RECORDS IN 15 YEARS
EXACTLY...
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*Company records
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MY LIFE AT THIS COMPANY...
HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THIS...

NOW WHERE HAVE I SEEN THAT ASS BEFORE...?
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I KNEW IT
THERE'S NO MIS-TAKE THIS TIME

THIS DEPARTMENT IS WHERE ALL OF THE USELESS EMPLOYEES GET TRANSFERRED TO!
WHY AM I BEING FORCED TO WORK IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT AS A GUY LIKE HIM?!
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL ACCEPT THIS!
WELL NOW, MISS HIROSUE,
YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE

GIVEN THE MISTAKES YOU VE MADE
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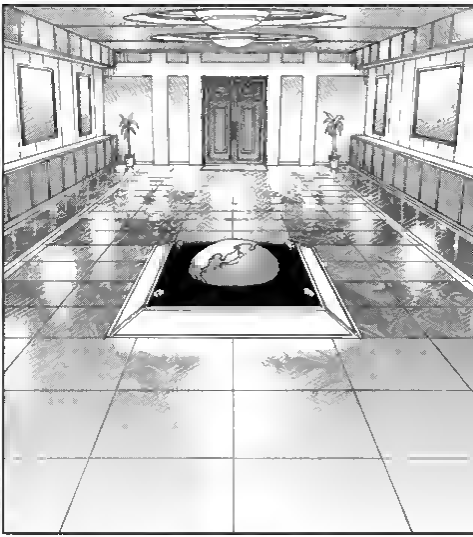
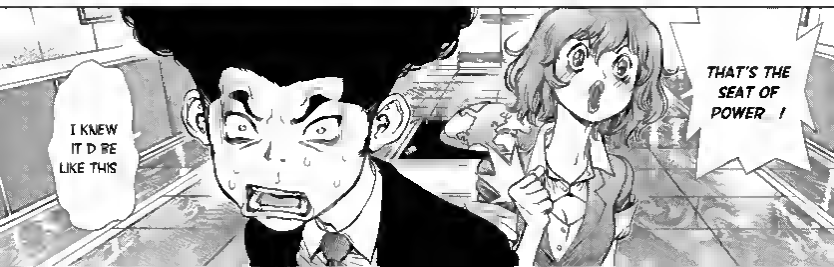
DAMN IT ALL
HELL I GRADUATED FROM TOUDAI
I THOUGHT THAT IF I JOINED THE COMPANY WITH THE BEST CONNECTIONS...
NOW THAT S AMBITION!
SHE S ON THE LEVEL OF AN EVIL ORGANIZATION S BOSS CHARACTER!
WELL, NEITHER YOU NOR SAKURAGI WERE BLENDING WELL WITH THE ORGANIZATION.
SO DUE TO YOUR "LACK OF ABILITY" YOUR SUPERVISORS ARRANGED THIS
TO EACH OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS, YOU ARE...
UNNECESSARY.
YOU STILL...
NEED MOTIVATION TO DO YOUR JOBS!

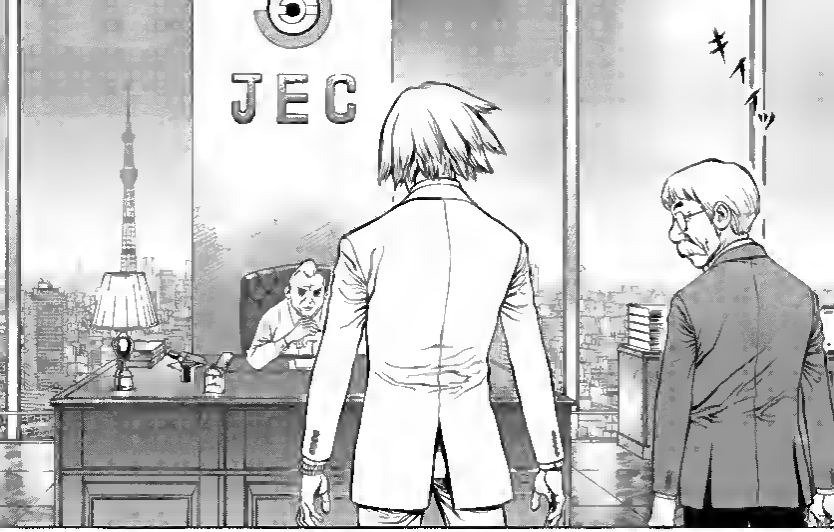
YES SIR!

54TH FLOOR?
OKAY THEN AT 16 00 HOURS COME UP TO THE 54TH FLOOR
GOOD GOOD

THIS WAY THE PRESIDENT IS WAITING




I KNEW IT D BE LIKE THIS
THAT'S THE SEAT OF POWER !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EH?
YOU'RE THAT...

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SERI-OUS-LY!?
I'LL EXPLAIN.
EVERY-ONE'S HERE...
THE MEMBERS OF THE NEXT-GEN ENERGY PROJECT!
THE FUTURE OF THIS COMPANY RESTS ON YOU PEOPLE.

OKAY GUYS,
GOOD...
OUR COMPANY SUPPLIES ENERGY TO THE ENTIRE KANTOU REGION
IS THE ENERGY COMPANY AT THE HEART OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY
THE JAPANESE ENERGY CORPORATION (JEC)
IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION
TO SAY WE'RE KEEPING JAPAN MOVING
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ALWAYS WORRIED ME.
AND HOW SHOULD JAPAN GET ITS ENERGY?
AND NOW...
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN 1 DROP OF WATER.
THERE WOULDN'T BE A SINGLE ROUND APPLE.
WITHOUT ENERGY
ENERGY IS THE BASIS FOR A MILLION DIFFERENT THINGS!
EVERYTHING RELIES ON ENERGY.
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BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DISASTER OF 3-11,
JAPAN'S ENERGY POLICY IS
TO MEET THIS CRISIS HEAD ON
WITH THAT, I MADE A DECISION
JEC WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR JAPAN'S FUTURE!
SOON WE'LL DEVISE A STRATEGY TO MOVE AWAY FROM PETROLEUM PRODUCTION!

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I'VE GATHERED YOU ALL HERE TO TAKE ON THIS MISSION IN SECRET!
WE WILL BE THE COMPANY THAT LEADS THE WAY IN NEXT-GEN ENERGY!
TO SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL ALTERNA-TIVES!
YOUR MISSION IS TO FIND THE RIGHT ENERGY FOR JAPAN'S FUTURE.

BECOME HUNTERS!
HUNT DOWN JAPAN'S NEXT-GEN ENERGY SOURCE!
I FIND YOUR VISION LACKING

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
YOU RE TELLING US TO LOOK FOR JAPAN S NEXT ENERGY SOURCE
THAT S RIGHT
THINKING PURELY ABOUT JAPAN S ENERGY
WON T ENSURE ITS FUTURE
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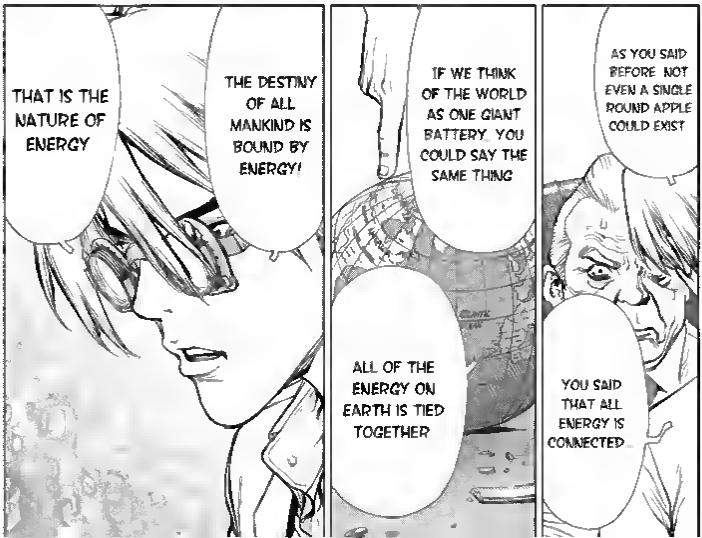
DO YOU THINK THAT WILL MAKE JAPAN ENERGY-SECURE?
EVEN IF WE BRING ALL OF JAPAN'S OIL AND NUCLEAR ENERGY UNDER OUR CONTROL...
NO!!
IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS, JAPAN WILL COLLAPSE


THAT IS THE NATURE OF ENERGY
THE DESTINY OF ALL MANKIND IS BOUND BY ENERGY!
ALL OF THE ENERGY ON EARTH IS TIED TOGETHER
IF WE THINK OF THE WORLD AS ONE GIANT BATTERY, YOU COULD SAY THE SAME THING
YOU SAID THAT ALL ENERGY IS CONNECTED...
AS YOU SAID BEFORE NOT EVEN A SINGLE ROUND APPLE COULD EXIST

TO SOLVE JAPAN'S ENERGY DILEMMA,
WE MUST CONSIDER THE ENERGY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD!

START THINKING ABOUT THE WORLD AS A WHOLE
AND YOU CAN SEE JAPAN'S "NEXT-GEN ENERGY SOURCE".
IF YOU CONSIDER THE WORLD A SINGLE UNIT...
THE WAY TO DEAL WITH NEXT-GEN ENERGY IS...
YEAH...
AS I THOUGHT. PLEASE LET ME OUT OF THIS PROJECT.
I CAN ALREADY SEE THAT THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO ACCOMPLISH NOTHING.
WH-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?

THIS PROJECT IS... HOW DARE YOU!
IF YOU NEED A FORMAL LETTER OF RESIGNATION JUST ASK
IT'D BE BETTER FOR YOU TO JUST KEEP PEDDLING OIL
AS I THOUGHT
AH YES
IS THAT GUY "ALL THERE" MENTALLY?
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THAT GUY IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WILL DO...!
I KNEW I WAS RIGHT.
DELICIOUS
THIS FOOD IS THE BEST.
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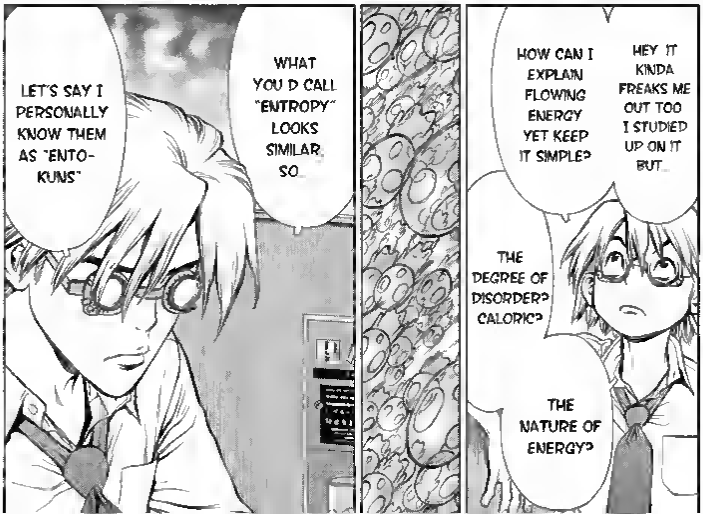
YOU CAN SEE STUFF
JUST WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN?
IT'S AN ABILITY I ATTAINED BY ACCIDENT I JUST WANTED THE CHIEF HERE TO KNOW
LOOK IT'S A SECRET JUST BETWEEN THOSE OF US HERE
IT'S OKAY, REALLY
WHAT?!
YOU CAN SEE THINGS THAT LOOK LIKE STRANGE STREAMS?


LET'S SAY I PERSONALLY KNOW THEM AS "ENTO-KUNS"
WHAT YOU'D CALL "ENTROPY" LOOKS SIMILAR, SO...
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN FLOWING ENERGY YET KEEP IT SIMPLE?
HEY, IT KINDA FREAKS ME OUT TOO I STUDIED UP ON IT BUT...
THE DEGREE OF DISORDER? CALORIC?
THE NATURE OF ENERGY?

YET OUT OF BURNT WOOD, RED ONES APPEAR.
THERE ARE THESE "GUYS" AND THEY HAVE "COLOR" BUT THE ENTROPY MAKES THEM DIFFERENT. THE ONES THAT COME FROM WOOD ARE "BLUE".
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MOREOVER, THE SUN LOOKS "DEATHLY PALE" TO MY EYES.
SO I THINK THE CHIEF'S RIGHT. YOU'RE RIGHT FOR THE JOB. STILL, WHAT IS IT YOU HATE ABOUT IT?
AND KNOW A LOT ABOUT ENERGY STUFF.
BUT YOU HAVE A REAL POWER
IF THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF SICKNESS,
WITH THESE GLASSES ON I CAN'T SEE THE "ENTO-KUNS"
I DON'T THINK IT COULD BE ANYTHING ELSE OTHER THAN A CURSE
PSYCHIC POWER? WELL...
PSY-PSYCHIC POWERS?!
BEND THIS!

THERE IS STILL HOPE THERE ARE MANY SCHOLARS OUT RESEARCHING AS WE SPEAK
THAT S NOT TRUE, NARU-SHIMA
IT S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT NEXT-GEN ENERGY
LIKE I SAID IT S USELESS TO TRY
THE THINGS I SEE
EVEN SO THEY CAN T SEE
FOR 20 YEARS NOW
WITH MY EYES, I VE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THEM SINCE I WAS A KID

THIS WORLD MIGHT NOT
BE REPARABLE.

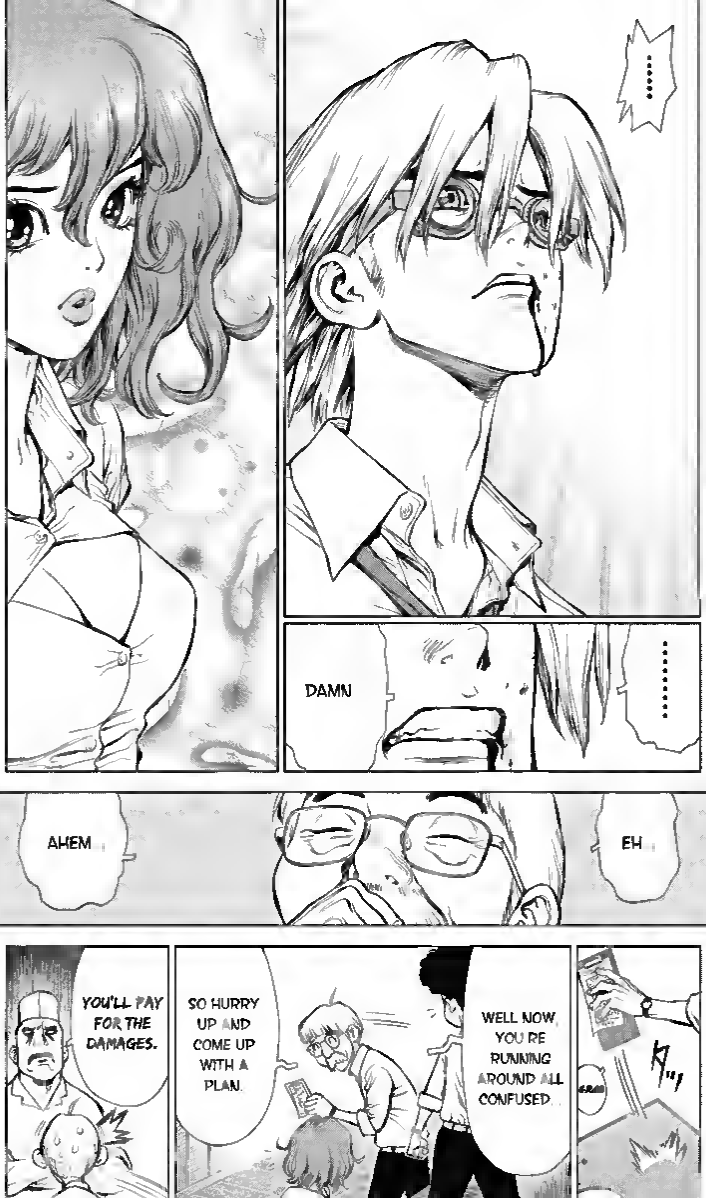
IT'S BECOME
BLOOD RED.

I'LL JUST USE THE OIL AND NUCLEAR ENERGY WE'RE SO FOND OF
AND PERISH TOGETHER WITH THE EARTH
THAT'S THE SMART THING TO DO
HEY, YOU
CATCH

WHAT THE FUCK?!
HERE'S THE COLOR OF BLOOD, PAL!
GET IT THROUGH YOUR HEAD, GLASSES-PUNK!
KYAAA!
YOU SAY IT'S TOO LATE?
THAT YOU ALONE CAN SEE IT?!
PERISH ALONG WITH THE WORLD?!
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT LYING AROUND LIKE A SMARTASS WITH THIS "I KNOW EVERYTHING" LOOK ON YOUR FACE?!
SO IT'S COOL TO JUST SIT THERE AND DO NOTHING!?
AND TRYING TO DO ANY-THING IS POINT-LESS!?

THE SEARCH FOR NEXT-GEN ENERGY IS FOR THE SAKE OF ALL HUMANITY!
AND JUST LIKE THAT, YOU DON'T WANNA!
THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF WORK I WANTED TO DO!
WITHOUT THOSE GLASSES, YOU CAN SEE THE REALITY OF THE WORLD!
THEN WHY DO YOU HIDE BEHIND THOSE GLASSES?
IF, AS YOU CLAIM, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD THAT CAN SEE TRUTH,
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!
PSYCHIC POWERS TOO
WE NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN SEE, SOMEONE WITH YOUR ABILITY!

THIS WORLD WE WERE BORN INTO
UNTIL THE VERY END, DO NOT ABANDON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EH
YOU'LL PAY FOR THE DAMAGES.
SO HURRY UP AND COME UP WITH A PLAN.
WELL NOW, YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND ALL CONFUSED.
GRAB

WHY US?
HMM...
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE
DON'T INCLUDE ME WHEN YOU SAY THAT!!
YEAH! WE WERE JUST TOLD OFF AND BULLIED AROUND IN THE WORK-PLACE WHY'D YOU CHOOSE US?
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
NO, I'M REALLY HAPPY, BUT..
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE US?
GLASSES BOY IS IN CHARGE?!
CHIEF, NARUSHIMA IS IN CHARGE BUT...
SINCE HE'S GOT PSYCHIC POWERS

THAT'S THE IDEA
A MONKEY SAVING HUMANS
SHUT UP, YOU GLASSES-ASSHOLE!
I THINK YOU'RE ALL MORE THAN QUALIFIED
THERE ARE NO OTHERS I'D CHOOSE IN YOUR STEAD
FOR THIS PROJECT,

I HATE THIS GUY!
I... SINCE MARCH 11 WHEN I SAW THAT GREAT CALAMITY IN THE NORTHEAST SKY A FEW MONTHS HAVE PASSED.
I'VE BEEN WITHOUT HOPE EVER SINCE THAT HAPPENED.
TO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO NOT GIVE UP, YOU NATURALLY NEED MORAL CODE
HUMANS ABSOLUTELY CANNOT GIVE UP ON THEIR LIVES AND HAPPINESS
NARUSHIMA
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER
FOR YOUR OWN LIFE'S SAKE

AND SO,
A NEW DIVISION WAS BORN
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SAVING JAPAN'S FUTURE!!

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